

# IMAGINE SALT SPRING – PLANNING SALT SPRING’S FUTURE

## A SPEAKER SERIES CONTRIBUTING TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

Part of the allure of Salt Spring Island is being isolated, away from populated centres. But to plan for the future, we need to consider the influences of cities around us, make use of experiences of similar communities from BC and around the world and increasingly important, consider future uncertainties.

The Island has just begun an overdue and important Official Community Plan (OCP) review. A limited number of community members are actually involved in the focus groups but the planning for the future of Salt Spring is of interest to all islanders. To assist OCP focus groups and all other interested residents think and plan for our islands future the Institute for Sustainability, Education and Action (I-SEA) is sponsoring a series of talks called, IMAGINE SALT SPRING: Planning for the Future. I-SEA hopes this series will expose the community to new ideas about planning and inspire us to think and plan thoughtfully and sustainably for our islands future. There are three talks in this Speakers Series:

- January 25, **Sebastian Moffatt** will speak on – PLANNING FOR UNCERTAINTY: DESIGN CONCEPTS TO SHAPE A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE ISLAND COMMUNITY. Moffatt is an international researcher and consultant on energy efficiency and ecologically based community planning. He is the founder and president of the Sheltair Group in Vancouver. He was the National team leader for citiesPLUS - a collaborative process that developed Canada’s first 100 years sustainable plan using Vancouver region as a case study.
- February 15, **Patrick Condon** will speak on – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AN ISLAND CONTEXT. Condon is Professor of Landscape Architecture at UBC. He holds the James Taylor Chair in Landscape and Livable Environments. He has published widely and has lectured at many North American Universities.
- March 15, **Deborah Curran** will speak on – PROTECTING OUR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE. Curran is Founder of Smart Growth BC. Her law firm is dedicated to developing legal strategies for sustainable growth by assisting clients to implement innovative approaches to resource management and development.
- April 19, **Guy Dauncey** will speak on – SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE Slide show and talk by Guy Dauncey author of *Stormy Weather: 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change*.

All talks will be held at the Community Gospel Chapel at 7:30 – 9:30 pm (doors will open at 7:00) and are FREE to the public. It is a poignant paradox of the modern era that at a time when decisions by leaders and citizens are having increasingly long-term impacts, time frames for decision-makers appear to be shrinking. Can we double our population and be sustainable in the next 25 years? Will the buildings and infrastructure that we are now planning be appropriate for a world exposed to rapid changes in technology and climate? How can we design for the future? Come hear, think, discuss and **Imagine Salt Spring**.

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